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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. THUE:002  
First Inventor Marcus L. Thuesen et al.  
Title Pouch Containers ...  
Express Mail Label No. EK776390438US

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

## ADDRESS TO:

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria VA 22313-1450

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 45]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Transmittal Letter + copy (4 pages)

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information:

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Art Unit:

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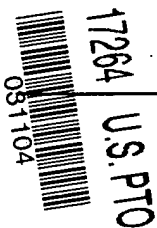
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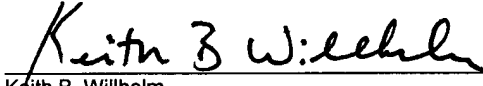
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: Pouch Containers Having Advertising Media and Methods for Their Dissemination*  
*Applicants: Marcus L. Thuesen and Lejo C. Brana*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form;
- (2) 45-page patent specification with 41 claims and an abstract;
- (3) 32 figures on 10 sheets of drawings (in triplicate);
- (4) Declaration;
- (5) Election Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73 and Power of Attorney;
- (6) Assignment;
- (7) Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- (8) Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i); and
- (9) Additional Copy of Transmittal Letter authorizing the charging of fees in the amount of \$786.00 and listed below to the deposit account of Applicants' attorney.

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| FOR                         |                     | Small Entity |                  | Large Entity |           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Total Claims                | 41 - 20 = 21        | x \$ 9 =     | \$ 189.00        | x \$ 18 =    | \$ 18.00  |
| Independent Claims          | 7 - 3 = 4           | x \$ 43 =    | \$ 172.00        | x \$ 86 =    | \$ 0.00   |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) |                     | + \$145 =    | \$ 0.00          | + \$290 =    | \$ 0.00   |
| Basic Fee:                  |                     | + \$385 =    | \$ 385.00        | + \$770 =    | \$ 770.00 |
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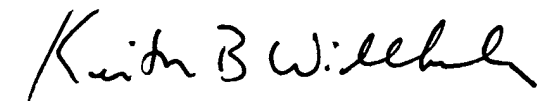
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail.

Applicants, by their undersigned attorney and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c), hereby assert their entitlement to small entity status and to the payment of reduced fees relative to the subject application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of **\$786.00** in payment of the fees listed above to the deposit account of applicant's attorney, Keith B. Willhelm, Attorney at Law, Deposit Account No. 501,435/THUE:002. If the amount is insufficient, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason in connection with this application, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to said deposit account.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard to evidence receipt of these materials and forward any reply to this communication directly to me.

Respectfully submitted,



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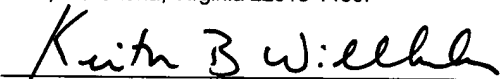
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Sir:

Applicants, by their attorney and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i), hereby request that the subject application filed concurrently herewith not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the subject application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Applicants may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicants rescind this request that the application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicants subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, applicants will notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. Applicants further acknowledges that failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii).

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